ST GEORGE'S GOOD NEWS

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Let your light shine. Matthew 5:16 **Friday 13th February 2026**

Dear Families,

We've had a busy end to the half term at school with lots of enrichment activities taking place. We hope you all have a restful half term break.

Exciting news!

We are delighted to share some wonderful news! Over the half term, Miss Williams will be getting married and will return to school as Mrs Castling. We are sure you will join us in wishing her a truly special wedding day and a lifetime of happiness with Mr Castling.

Mosaic update – an invitation!

We are delighted to invite you to a Mosaic Evening on Tuesday 3rd March from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

The mosaic is really taking shape and we would like to give you the opportunity to be involved in the next stage. This will require different techniques, from simple tile placement to creative glass mosaicing, so something for every skill level – no experience necessary.

There are 15 places available, which will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

Please note that this is an adults-only event. Unfortunately, children cannot attend as there will be no childcare provision, and some of the materials being used need to be kept safely away from children.

If you would like to book a place, please email the school office by Friday 27th February.

We look forward to creating together! Please note refreshments will be provided.

Miss Walker and Mrs Crooks

DON'T FORGET!

Order lunches before 12pm on Friday for the following week.

CLICK HERE

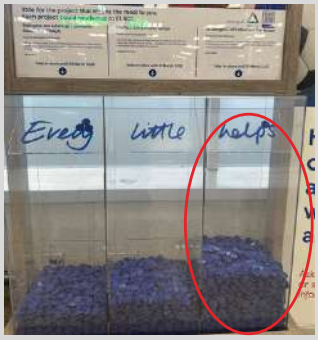
the kids lunch company

Tesco stronger starts – update!

We are delighted that St George's is being supported by the Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme. Our sensory garden project is being put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting commenced from mid-January 2026 and will run until the end of March 2026. The project with the highest number of votes will receive up to £1,500, the second placed project £1,000, and the third placed project £500. You can vote for our project at the following stores:

Amersham HP7 0HA
Chesham Broad Street HP5 3ED
Amersham Hill Ave HP6 5BQ
Little Chalfont Express HP7 9PH

Stronger Starts TESCO Every little helps



Thank you to everyone who has voted so far - we are currently winning in Tesco Amersham so let's keep the momentum up over half term!

Smartphone Free Childhood

Recently I had the privilege of attending a talk for headteachers from the Chesham and Amersham area, hosted by the group Smartphone Free Childhood. We heard from schools that have successfully introduced smartphone bans, listened to pupils share their experiences of how smartphones affect their learning and wellbeing, and even heard from our local MP about the wider impact on our community. The discussion was both timely and alarming. Recent statistics show that 89% of 12-year-olds in the UK now own a smartphone - and even a quarter of children aged 5 to 7 have one. On average, children receive their first smartphone at the age of nine. It is clear that smartphones are having a profound effect on our children's lives, and it is something we all need to understand and address. I strongly encourage you to explore this further by visiting the group's website: https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org I will be working with Smartphone Free Childhood to provide opportunities for you as parents and carers to learn more, including a potential parent workshop. Together, we can better support our children to develop healthy habits and a balanced relationship with technology.

Parent governor vacancies

We currently have parent governor vacancies on our governing board.
If you would be interested in this exciting opportunity to play an active role in the future direction and leadership of St George's, we would be delighted to hear from you. Parent governors make valuable contributions by bringing the views and experiences of our parent community into school leadership.
If you would like further information or wish to express your interest, please contact the school office and we will get back to you.

Big Brush Club

We are pleased to invite you to our Big Brush Club Oral Health Webinar, designed to support families and caregivers in promoting positive oral health habits at home. This friendly, informative session will provide practical guidance to help you feel confident in supporting your child's dental wellbeing. [Click here to sign up for the webinar on Saturday 28th February at 10am.]

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS

Being on time teaches responsibility - a life skill that supports success well beyond primary school.

Local Aldi opening

We are very excited about the opening of our local Aldi store on **Thursday 26th February!**

As previously shared, a Team GB medallist will be joining us for Collective Worship at 9:00am on Thursday 26th February. Following the worship, there will be an opportunity for the children to ask questions. You may wish to start thinking with your child about some questions they could ask our special guest.

Aldi Poster Competition

We are also running a poster competition to celebrate the new Aldi opening. The theme is entirely your choice - so let's be creative!

Closing date: Monday 23rd February

Please ensure all posters are handed in by this date.

Please write your child's name, class and house clearly on the back of the poster.

The winner will receive a £20 Aldi gift voucher to spend at the new store, and Aldi will also generously donate fresh fruit and vegetables to our school.

Grand Opening - Pupil Draw

We will be selecting between five and eight children to attend the grand opening of the Aldi store on Thursday 26th February.

If you would like your child to be considered for this lucky draw, please complete this Google form. The selected children will be announced on Monday 23rd February, with further details about the event to follow.

We are very much looking forward to being part of this exciting community event!

NSPCC Number Day

Thanks to your donations we are over half way to our fundraising target for the NSPCC. Last week the children enjoyed the maths activities for NSPCC number day. If you haven't donated already and wish to do so, [you can access the Just Giving page here.]

Upcoming renovations!

We are very much looking forward to the planned renovation of our Key Stage 1 classrooms over the next few years. We are excited to begin this project over the half term break with Jeffer's classroom. During this time , the floor will be re-sanded and resealed, and we are planning to repaint the classroom during the Easter holidays. Jeffer's classroom will serve as our model for the future look and feel of all classrooms going forward. Our vision is to create a more streamlined, calming and consistent environment across the school. We are also exploring the possibility of new furniture and blinds. This is an exciting step forward for our school.

BRIGHT HORIZONS

coming up at St George's

Diary dates

Please see the attached diary dates for information about the rest of the school year. This calendar is regularly updated so please frequently check this for additions or changes.

World Thinking Day

On **Monday 23rd February** we will be celebrating World Thinking Day. World Thinking Day is celebrated annually on 22nd February by all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. It is also celebrated by Scout and Guide organisations around the world. Children may wear their Beaver, Rainbows or Scout uniform to school.

Random acts of kindness week

We are celebrating Random Act of Kindness week from Monday 2nd March. Each class will surprise another class with a spontaneous act of kindness to brighten up their day! The staff are also getting involved too by surprising each other with random acts of kindness.

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Next PTA meeting

The next PTA meeting is at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 25th February** at the Boot and Slipper Pub in Amersham. All are welcome! Please do come along to support our school and help plan exciting activities for the children. All funds raised by the PTA provide additional extras for the children to enhance their time at St George's.

World Book Day and the 'Big Community Read'

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. The staff and children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. The children will also participate in lots of lovely learning activities to celebrate World Book Day. Don't forget the PTA is holding a costume swap shop after school on **Friday 13th February** to give families the opportunity to save money and reuse previous costumes.

Over half term, you can begin redeeming your child's £1 book token which is being sent home today - see the email sent home this week for more information.

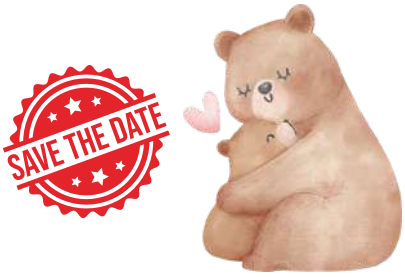
On **Friday 6th March**, we are planning our 'Big Community Read' event with local schools including Woodside and Henry Allen. This is a lovely opportunity for our children to share a story with an older pupil. More details will follow after half term.

Holi colour run

Holi is a popular ancient Hindu festival, also known as 'The Festival of Love'or 'The Festival of Colours'. Back by popular demand, we will be holding our St George's Colour Run on **Friday 6th March**. We are asking for a voluntary donation of £1 to participate, all funds raised will be put towards the classroom renovation project at St George's. To make this event happen, we need donations of empty water/drinks bottles with a sports cap and empty washing up liquid bottles. Please wash these before sending them into school.

Mothering Sunday Collective Worship

On **Tuesday 10th March** from 9-10.15am Dads, Grandads, Uncles or any other significant male role models are invited to attend school for a Mothering Sunday Collective Worship followed by time to spend in class with your child, making some Mothering Sunday craft.



SHINING MOMENTS

Recent learning at St George's

NSPCC Number Day

Early Years learning about Chinese New Year

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Stewardship and Sustainability

The Big Plastic Count

For one week in March, thousands of people will be counting every piece of plastic packaging they throw away. Together, we can uncover the true scale of the UK's big plastic problem and call on the government to do more about it.

It's not just counting plastic – it is building a movement for a fair future that's free from the impacts of the plastics crisis.

If you wish to take part, [you can sign up here.]

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT

Amazon Wishlist

We continue to be really grateful to all who support the school by purchasing items from our [Amazon wish list]. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

The Entertainer

Remember that if you are purchasing items from The Entertainer, [please use this link.]

Every purchase made via this link pays a commission to our school. Thank you for supporting St George's.

Facebook

Please continue to check our [Facebook page] for updates about the lovely activities the children are participating in when at school. Thank you to those who like and share our posts.

Thank you for your continued support this half term, we wish you all a relaxing break.

Victoria Harjette
Headteacher

Matthew Griffiths
Deputy Headteacher

Safeguarding

Q: How can I report a concern outside school hours?

A: Use [your local authority's children's services contact number] or police non-emergency number (101) if you believe a child may be at risk.

Quote of the week

"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says 'I'm possible'"

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LITTLE DRAGON LEARNING ZONE

The Mindful Monsters activity, which is designed to support children's mental health and well-being, is linked to **concentration** this week.

Heart Hunt

Hide paper hearts around the room. Ask your child to find them one at a time moving slowly and carefully.

Challenge - could they spell a word once you've collected them all?

The link below is from the Maths games website lovemaths.me

This game is called **'Pairs to ten'** and helps children with their number bonds to ten.

PLAY

CLICK HERE

Sock sort

Put the pairs of socks away in the drawers!

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Support your child's oracy skills - learning to talk, through talk.

What is one kind thing someone did for you recently? How could you help if someone is feeling sad?

What is the best pancake topping? Why?